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National Negro Bar Association

Albert S. White, Dean of the Central Law School of State University, Heads Permanent Legal Organization Which Is to Have Auxiliary Branches in Every State.

By N. B. DODSON.
The National Negro Bar association, under the leadership of Albert S. White of Louisville, Ky., president, and his able corps of officers, bids fair to become a potent and virile organization. Although only organized last August, much has already been done toward forming auxiliary branches in every state in the Union.

Albert S. White, president of the organization, is dean of the Central Law School, law department of the state university, Louisville, and has held this position since 1892. He is also a charter member of the white bar association of Kentucky and president of the Kentucky Negro State Bar association.

His early education was obtained in the public schools of Louisville, subsequently graduating from the state university and from the law department of Howard university, Washington. He has frequently been appointed by the judges of Jefferson county on committees to examine applicants for admission to the bar and for many years has held the position of United States revenue agent. He declined the position of counsel to Sierra Leone tendered him by President McKinley during his first term and was one of the attorneys for Congressman Walter Evans, now federal judge in the western circuit of Kentucky, in the contest for Judge Evans' seat by Oscar Turner in 1890.

At one time he was editor of the New South and for a number of years a paid writer on the Courier-Journal, the Commercial and the Herald, leading southern dailies. In late years he has been a constant contributor to the columns of the Evening Post, the most aggressive and potent afternoon publication in Kentucky. He is engaged in general practice and is constantly called upon to handle legal cases in all parts of Kentucky and frequently in adjoining states.

He was permanent secretary of the state Republican convention that nominated General W. S. Taylor for governor of Kentucky in 1890, being the only colored man ever elected to such a position, and has frequently been on the state Republican campaign committee in the capacity as member of advisory committees. Since the Harrison-Cleveland campaign he has stumped Kentucky for the Republicans in every state and national campaign, and he has often been



ALBERT S. WHITE, ESQ.
called into Indiana, Ohio and Illinois. He took a prominent part in behalf of President Taft and was heard for the Republicans in a number of states, besides writing a strong series of articles for Republican policies in the Louisville Post and other papers.

The executive committee is strong and when completed will represent every state in the Union.

The next meeting of the organization will be in Boston next August, and the officers and members of the body will spare no pains to make it in every way successful and creditable.

The officers of the organization are: President, Albert S. White, Louisville, Ky.; vice president, W. E. Mollison, Vicksburg, Miss.; secretary, George F. Collins, Washington; assistant secretary, J. A. Cobb, Washington; executive committee, Scipio A. Jones, Arkansas; Thomas Pierson, Illinois; S. Laing Williams, Illinois; J. C. Napier, Tennessee; J. C. Collins, New York; T. J. Calloway, Washington; P. W. Howard, Mississippi; Curley Brewer, Indiana.

Pencil Pusher Points' New Book.
W. Carl Bolivar, the veteran bibliophile, who is an authority on Negro history, will shortly issue a volume dealing with the history of the Negro in and around Philadelphia.

Mr. Bolivar has for years been writing for the Philadelphia Tribune under the title of "Pencil Pusher Points." His articles have dealt mainly with prominent Philadelphians and events of the past, which otherwise would have been a closed book to the younger generation of Negroes. His book will be especially valuable to students of race history.

BAPTIST CELEBRATION.

Fiftieth Anniversary of the Denomination in Western Pennsylvania.

The semi-centennial celebration of the organization of Afro-American Baptist churches in western Pennsylvania was begun in the New Rodman Street Baptist church, East End, Pittsburgh, the Rev. O. S. Stimmis, pastor, Monday evening, Oct. 11, to continue until Wednesday, Oct. 20. The celebration took on the form of a jubilee and roof garden entertainment. There were sacred and secular gatherings, literary and musical exercises and a feast and fair in the main auditorium managed by a committee of 120 ladies. Many of the dignitaries of the church and leading men and women of the race, both locally and from a distance, were present and participated in the celebration, while the members of all the secret, benevolent and uniformed societies and lodges were specially invited. There was a complete change of program each night, the celebration opening with selections by a chorus of fifty voices made up from the choirs of different churches. The proceeds of the feast and celebration will be applied to the fund for the completion of the new church building, which when ready for use will be one of the finest erected by any Afro-American congregation in the city.

As late as 1859 there was no known Afro-American Baptist church in western Pennsylvania, and most of the persons of that denomination who located in that part of the state either connected themselves with white congregations of that form of faith or lost their identity by uniting with the African Methodist Episcopal churches which were already organized. Just where the first Afro-American Baptist church west of the Allegheny mountains was started is a much mooted question. Washington, Pa., claims the honor, but several other cities have put in what appear to be valid claims. As near as can be learned, what was known in its day as the Zion Baptist church, then located on Locock street, Allegheny, was the first distinctly Afro-American church of that denomination instituted in that vicinity. This was in the early sixties. Since then the churches have increased at a truly surprising rate until today there are more Afro-American Baptist churches in Pittsburgh than of all the other denominations combined.

R. HENRI HERBERT DIES.

Prominent Politician and Writer Found Dead in Road Near Trenton.

R. Henri Herbert, whose dead body was found in a road running along the outskirts of Trenton, N. J., early Wednesday morning, Oct. 13, was one of the best known Afro-Americans in the state and was also widely known in political circles. Mr. Herbert, whose death was probably due to apoplexy, was document clerk in the statehouse at Trenton, which position he had held for many years. Besides being a shrewd politician, Mr. Herbert took a lively interest in literary work. One of his best compositions is entitled "The Coming Nation," in which he takes an optimistic view of the possibilities of the Negro race in the United States. His death will be mourned by the great bulk of the race in many sections of the country.

BALLOT, POOR MAN'S WEAPON

Right Use of Franchise Will Secure Impartial Justice.

If Afro-Americans ever get a full and impartial hearing at the public court of inquiry, then they must put men in office who believe in the political equality of all men; they must unite and husband their interests as other people. The ballot is the poor man's weapon. Stick and pull together. Watch and follow their leaders in all things; especially give their friends to understand that they are men. In city, county and state elections be men.

Vote for the men who are willing that you shall be protected under the law as other citizens.

No man should be punished without a fair and impartial trial.—Cadiz (Ky.) Informer.

White Mobs Hounding Negroes.

Because of their thrift and industry and ability to compete with white laborers at San Angelo, Tex., hundreds of Afro-Americans with their families have been threatened by the usual white mobs and ordered out of the town, the whites declaring that the Negroes were depriving them of their jobs. It is stated that the Negroes will refuse to leave and will invoke the law in their behalf as citizens having the right to peacefully follow their daily occupation.

Promotion of Two Worthy Knights.

Colonel J. Howard Cook, who has for the past five years officiated as assistant inspector general of the uniformed rank Knights of Pythias in Pennsylvania, has been appointed colonel and aide-de-camp of Major General Robert Jackson, commander of the uniformed rank K. of P. in the United States, and as such will act as the general's personal representative in Pennsylvania. General Frank Sutton was recommissioned brigadier general.

Veteran Church Worker Remembered.

The Rev. P. E. Mills, pastor of Bethel A. M. E. church, Pittsburgh, recently presented Mrs. Hawkins, a veteran church worker, with a handsome gold medal, the gift of the officers of the church, as a token of their esteem and appreciation for fifty years of faithful service as a member. Mrs. Hawkins rendered great assistance to the church in its efforts to raise sufficient funds to complete the new auditorium.

Minister Lyon Back In America

United States Representative to the Little Republic Across the Sea, Home on Two Months' Furlough, Decorated by Liberian Government With Order of African Redemption.

Rev. Dr. Ernest Lyon, United States minister to Liberia, is in America on a two months' furlough. This is the first vacation he has had since 1904. While here he will probably be called upon by the state department to discuss the report of the American commission which recently visited Liberia to make a study of conditions in that part of West Africa.

In speaking of conditions in Liberia a few days ago Dr. Lyon said: "Liberia offers an excellent opportunity for the investment of American capital. The leading citizens of the republic believe that America can aid in its economic development. The trade now is controlled by the English and German peoples."

"The visit of the three envoys from the United States was especially pleasing to the ruling classes there, and they think it indicates a new day for Liberia. The commission was received enthusiastically and given every opportunity for learning conditions at first hand. The official report of the special commission is awaited with profound interest by leading citizens of the republic, who are hopeful that many matters favorable to the material well being of Liberia may be presented."

"The debt of Liberia is not very large, and conservative business men of that country believe that \$3,000,000 will place the republic on its feet and make the way possible for an unparalleled commercial development. The national debt is about \$1,250,000. The remainder of the \$3,000,000 could be used in building railroads and other conveniences necessary to improve conditions."

"Should railroads be built the cultivation of coffee, cocoa, ginger and other products would give a new industrial meaning to the inhabitants. Fruit can be grown on an extensive scale; also cane growing can be made profitable."

"Liberians are making commendable progress along educational lines. The Methodist Episcopal, African Methodist Episcopal and Baptist churches have established schools, which are rendering a praiseworthy service."

"In a word, I believe Liberia offers opportunities for development far beyond the ideas of the average American."

Dr. Lyon has been minister to Liberia since 1903. His services have been eminently satisfactory to the government he represents and that to which he has been sent, and he has been decorated by Liberia with the Order of African Redemption for his disinterested services for the uplift of the Liberians. This decoration is the highest honor that the government awards and is given only to those who render great services for the good of Africa.

Since his arrival in the United States Dr. Lyon has been besieged with invitations to speak at public functions. The citizens of Baltimore, his home city, have already given a grand reception in his honor.

SYMPTOMS OF CIVIC DISEASE

Failure to Pay Poll Tax Robs White Men of Right to Vote.

Jerome B. Wilmer of New Orleans thinks that a big price has been paid for the disfranchisement of the Negroes in the south. He bases it upon the fact that it makes political conditions entirely one-sided, and he cites Alabama, where, he says, 100,000 white men are unable to vote because they do not pay the poll tax which is required and which is levied for the purpose of disfranchising the Negroes. "They ask themselves," said Mr. Wilmer, "What is the use? when they know that the Democrats are going to win anyhow and their ballots are not needed. It certainly is a symptom of civic disease when 100,000 men of the Anglo-Saxon race deliberately rob themselves of the right of suffrage."

Activity in Athletic Sports.

The young men of the Delany rifles of Pittsburg are now taking a very active interest in athletics. Four of them took part in the recent lively meet at Forbes field. They have a good football team and are whipping a basketball team into shape. Meanwhile they are becoming quite proficient in their soldierly duties under the tutelage of Captain Frank R. Steward.

Among the "rooters" who went over to boost the fortunes of the Detroit Tigers during the recent world's championship series were quite a bunch of well known young Afro-Americans, who would not listen to anything but Detroit as the victors in the contest for supremacy.

Wide Awake Business Man.

Editor Holmes of the Orangeburg (S. C.) Recorder is not only interested in giving our people in his section the best newspaper that can be got out commensurate with the patronage which it receives, but is just as enthusiastic about members of the race owning their homes. He shows them how this can be done and offers to make the way possible for them to do it. Mr. Holmes is a wide awake business man.

DOGGED PERSISTENCE.

Day Laborer Who Became Pastor and Influential Man of Affairs.

There are some very remarkable facts connected with the career of the Rev. J. W. Hulse, who eight years ago was working as a day laborer on a farm. On going to Kansas City, Mo., not long afterward he found employment with one of the large beef packing houses. After serving his apprenticeship as a packer this bustling young aspirant to the ministry was engaged as an asphalt paver, working in the day at his new trade and preaching upon the streets of the city at night. His followers grew from a few mere curious onlookers to hundreds of earnest devotees, who at their own request were formed into what



REV. J. W. HULSE
is now known as St. Stephen's Baptist church, with a membership of 600. These people formerly worshiped in a tent.

Beside pastoring his church, Rev. Mr. Hulse is prominently connected with many other movements for the uplift of our people and has the full confidence of his white neighbors. He is a member of the city pardoning board, in which capacity he wields a potent influence. He is also a prominent member of the national Baptist convention, the United Brothers of Friendship and the Knights of Pythias of the Eastern and Western Hemispheres. He is grand master for the Pythians.

Rev. Mr. Hulse took a prominent part in the recent session at New York city of the supreme lodge, where he was elected supreme master at arms, but he declined in order that he might serve on the beneficiary board of the order.

AN EDITOR'S GOOD ADVICE.

Midnight Balls and Picnics Have Demoralizing Effect Upon Youth.

We heartily commend the editor of the Oakland (Cal.) Sunshine for the many stand which he has taken in reference to the baneful effect which night picnics and balls have upon our youth. He says:

"We voice our disapproval of the custom of holding midnight balls, commonly called picnics. It is in no sense against the dance that we speak, but it is against the demoralizing effect of allowing young girls and even young boys to dance in a pavilion where drinks are served and with a saloon attached. Such a place has a bad influence on the young mind, and if our leading clubs, lodges and families support such a place it gradually grows on the young mind that it is proper. Many of the young people frequent such places unattended by either parents or guardians, and if hurtful things are said against them no one is there to protect or dispute it, and one more stone is placed around his or her neck. Our lodges and clubs, which are supposed to represent our leading and most select women and men, should look out for the moral side of the thing as well as the pecuniary point. We do not believe in being antagonistic in the least, but a hint to the wise should be sufficient."

Nineteenth Y. M. C. A. Conference.

The nineteenth annual conference of the Afro-American department of the Young Men's Christian association will be held with the Louisville branch at Louisville, Ky., beginning Dec. 2, for four days. Charles H. Bullock, who was formerly secretary of the Carlton avenue branch in Brooklyn, is secretary of the Louisville association and has built the work up to an enviable place among association men. It is the aim of the promoters to make the Louisville session the most largely attended and most helpful of any of the conferences previously held. Many important matters will be submitted for consideration, and the secretary of each branch is earnestly requested to be present on the opening day.

Editor Knox Gets the Goods.

Several Afro-American journals tried to outbid the Freeman for the services of Harry Bradford, the great eastern writer, but the Freeman Publishing company outbid them all and secured Bradford, who will be sent to England and the continent of Europe to secure interesting articles for the Indianapolis Freeman. This will be the first Afro-American journal in America to send a representative writer of our race to England to get news regarding the Afro-American artist in general abroad. Several interesting articles will appear in the Freeman exclusively from time to time regarding the Afro-American actors and actresses in European cities.

STATE FAIR AT BATESBURG.

South Carolina Afro-Americans Preparing For Great Annual Event.

The managers of the state fair to be held at Batesburg, S. C., beginning on Monday, Nov. 8, and which will close with a great religious congress to be held on the fair grounds on Sunday, Nov. 14, are greatly encouraged by favorable reports from our people from all parts of the state and from many other sections. Georgia day will be one of the biggest events of the fair. The state delegation will be headed by the Rev. Dr. Charles T. Walker. The white people of Batesburg have promised to render liberal assistance to the management, which is officiated by Richard Carroll, president; A. Robertson, secretary; Z. E. Walker, superintendent and general manager, and T. A. Williams, treasurer. The program will be in part as follows: Tuesday, Nov. 9, society and woman's day; Wednesday, Nov. 10, farmers' day; Thursday, Nov. 11, Georgia day; Friday, Nov. 12, education day (the schools and colleges of the state are asked to turn out); Saturday, Nov. 13, children's day; on which day the baby show will take place.

Leading orators, white and colored, from all parts of the state, including the governor, have been invited to speak during the fair.

There will be on exhibition good trotters and blooded horses.

The field products will be among the things of attraction. Negro inventors of machinery will be present to show what they have done.

Sideshows and wild animal shows will be features at the fair.

There will be baseball, football, foot races, mule races, wheelbarrow races, fox chases, wrestling matches and other sports.

There will be band contests, drill contests, vocal music contests and other forms of entertainment daily.

NOTABLE COMING EVENT.

Eleventh Annual Reception of the Sons of Virginia Nov. 24.

Now that the Order of Moses has concluded its forty-second grand annual encampment in New York, the next most interesting event in secret and benevolent societies of Greater New York will be the eleventh annual reception of the Society of the Sons of Virginia, which will be held at Summer hall, Brooklyn, on Wednesday evening, Nov. 24. The committee of arrangements, which is headed by John W. Winters, is making elaborate preparations to make this the grandest social event in the history of the society. A large number of invitations



PETER H. FISHER.
has been issued to the various organizations among Afro-Americans to be present in full regalia to take part in the grand march, which is always a pleasing feature at the public functions given by the society. Peter H. Fisher, who succeeded N. B. Dodson as president of the society last January, is leaving no stone unturned to make his administration profitable to the society as a whole and also to individual members by taking them into close confidence and giving each member something to do for the good of the organization. Besides his work in the society President Fisher is a prominent Odd Fellow and church worker. As clerk of the Concord Baptist Church of Christ for the past twenty-one years he has rendered valuable service. Mr. Fisher is one of the founders of the society, which has twice honored him with the presidency.

Three Cornered Color Line Fight.

Out in Marshfield, Ore., the school authorities have drawn the color line against Afro-Americans and orientals. The result of this rank and uncalculated color discrimination so far is that only one pupil is in attendance, the little son of Gow Why, a Chinese merchant. There are a large number of Afro-Americans in the town, but they seriously object to their children being classified with orientals and insist upon sending them to the regular school. The situation is complicated, to say the least. It's a three cornered—white, brown and colored—fight, with no referee.

Higher Education Needed In Alabama.

If throughout the broad state of Alabama one Negro high school has been established we have failed to hear of it.

Huntsville needs a colored high school and has the material at hand to establish it. Let us come to the aid of our talented young principal of the city school, Professor Blinford, and encourage him in his labors to build it up and add on the high school.—Huntsville (Ala.) Journal.

TO HONOR JOHN BROWN

Dec. 2 And Not Dec. 29 Date Set 50th Anniversary of John Brown's Death.

To the Colored Citizens of the United States and their fellow countryman; Greeting:

Inasmuch as by some error the New England Suffrage League at its 6th Annual Session in Boston on Oct. 4th urged the colored people of the United States to generally celebrate the 50th anniversary of the public murder of John Brown and named the date Dec. 29, we the undersigned officers of said League announce that the proper date is Dec. 2nd, 1909.

In pursuance of the vote of the League ratified by the mass meeting at St. Paul Baptist church on the night of Oct. 4th, and in consonance with its spirit we issue this appeal first to all colored Americans and also to all their fellow countrymen to assemble in public memorial meeting on Dec. 2nd next to honor the memory of this proto-martyr of freedom. We especially urge the National Independent Political League and the Niagara Movement to hold such public memorial meetings and all literary or patriotic societies to do so. We appeal to all the colored churches of this country and to all other churches to set aside the Sunday preceding Dec. 2nd in honor of John Brown as a day of prayer for the cause of freedom for which he laid down his life and of honor to this great crusader.

We further appeal to the colored press and to all other publications to spread this appeal broadcast before their readers.

Wm. Monroe Trotter, Pres.

77 Cornhill, Boston, Mass.

Rev. W. W. Ryan, Cor. Sec'y.

41 Court st., W. New on, Mass.

Boys Learn to be Chefs.

The Board of School Commissioners of Indianapolis, feel that the best thing that they can do for the boys of Indianapolis is to teach them something by which they can earn a living. In accordance with this plan the School Board tried, last year, a class in cooking for the boys of the Seventh Grade at the McCoy school. The work was so popular and the boys took such an interest in the work that a second class was begun the middle of the year. This year there are six classes of boys having this work.

Miss Jean Krueger is the teacher and the boys say that this work is much more interesting than grammar and number work and a whole lot more useful. The boys learn to prepare and serve a meal as well as to cook it. Correct placing of the silver, arrangement of the table linen etc, besides the serving of meal is taught. In the cooking, the preparing of a menu is made a study of and a number of sample menus worked out.

The boys learn to prepare soups, salads, vegetables and meats. They learn to prepare and mix the dough, to form and shape the sponge and to care for the ovens during the process of baking. The boys enjoy this work as much, if not more, than they do any of their other Manual Training work.

Your VOTE is

Solicited for

Mary E. Nicholson

—AS—

School Commissioner

FOR 1910.

Her administration will be reasonable and economic. The Colored people will be served by her in the future as they have been in the past.

Let her have the support of our people.

Republicans Hold Largest Meeting.

A Crowd of 5,000 Hears Speeches at Indiana Avenue and West Street, Last Friday Night.

The largest meeting of the city campaign was held last Friday night at Indiana avenue and West street, where Capt. Wm. E. English made his first speech in behalf of the Republican city ticket. It was a monster affair and brought together a crowd that was estimated by Samuel Lewis Shank and other city candidates at more than 5,000. The place is a junction point for several wards and the colored folks of the Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Wards were largely represented. Delegations of colored men also came from other and more remote sections of the city and the



CHARLES W. BROWN, Chairman

streets in the neighborhood were packed with people so as to be almost inaccessible to traffic. Among the organizations that turned out in marching columns were the Harry B. Gates Republican Club, the Harry S. New Republican Club, the William E. English Republican Club, the West End Shank Club, the Blaine Club and the Sumner League. An attractive and noisy display of fireworks preceded the meeting.

When the echoes of the cannon had died away W. W. Hyde opened the meeting as temporary chairman. He introduced Chas. W. Brown, who took charge as permanent chairman. County Treasurer E. J. Robinson was the first speaker. He said the Democrats had been doing a good deal of crowing about the size of their crowd at Wilkins and Meridian streets the night before.

"But if they would come here and see the size of this crowd they would have heart failure," he declared.

Capt. English, the next speaker, was given a great ovation. His speech was one of the most interesting of the entire campaign. He indulged in good natured ridicule at the expense of the Democratic orators who had been urging that the city campaign should be fought out on a nonpartisan basis.

J. H. Lott and W. H. Jackson in forcible and convincing speeches, urged the colored men to vote the republican ticket straight. W. D. Headrick related a fund of interesting stories kept his auditors in an uproar for half an hour. When Mr. Shank, accompanied by Mrs. Shank, in an automobile, there was a lively demonstration and the wildest enthusiasm was displayed. Mr. Shank promised the colored folks that, although the watermelon season will be over when he is elected, he will give them another ice cream feast on Nov. 3, or soon thereafter as possible. He read his speech from manuscript, as follows:

We are now finishing the second week of our campaign and from all reports I get and the way I have been received I am confident the only question yet to be determined is the size of my majority. I have from time to time talked on the different public questions that will come up during my term as mayor, and I feel sure that most people have read all that I have said, for the newspapers have kindly published it fully.

I want to talk to you tonight just as citizens of Indianapolis is, for the same laws govern you as govern every one else. In my campaign you have been my friends, and I want to repeat to you what I have said to others many times, that I want every one to have a square deal, and I propose to protect the rights of all the people alike. I know that you will not expect of me more than any one else, nor more than you are entitled to, and I will not permit any discrimination either for or against you. I know that the great majority of you people want a good, decent and law-abiding administration as much as any one else does.

You are mostly an industrious, hard working people, and your homes and families are just as dear to you as any one else. I want to see you go forward in all the things that are right and that will help you to become good citizens. I want to see your children educated so that they may become good citizens. In this you have many schools and churches. It would be surprising to many people to know how many churches you have in this city, and how well they are attended. I want to help you all I can, and what ever I can do to help you to advance your own interests I will do.

The way to become good citizens is to be good men; the way to make your children become good citizen is to teach them to be honest, industrious and law-abiding. I want to appeal to you tonight for your votes as I do to any other class of people, and say to you that if elected I will give you a clean, honest and decent administration. I will be just as fair and just to you as to any one else, and I want you all to help make this a good city. You can help yourselves and your race by education, and honesty more than any other way, and by upholding the laws which govern all people alike.

I have been asked by my opponent and nearly all the Democratic speakers because I have given you ice cream and watermelons. I have been thinking a great deal about that since reading their speeches, and I do not see any harm in it. I really believe it is much better to do that than to give you beer.

OUR CORRESPONDENTS,

News, Incident, Social + and + Personal Activities

EKRON, KY.

Sel Harrington is making some fine molasses, and the old and young folks are enjoying some old fashioned candy pullings. Prof. J. A. Starks is all smiles. There is a wee bit of a girl at his home. Mrs. Grace Morton called on Mrs. Jane Williams Sunday evening. Mrs. Mary Scott of Central, and her grand-daughter, Elizabeth Powell of Corydon, Ind., are visiting her daughter, Mrs. Jane Williams of Ekron. Mrs. Beatrice Stewart and little son are visiting her mother Mrs. Jane Williams. The Ekron graded school is progressing nicely. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jess Shacklett, a little girl.

Missionary Convention at Watson—Other News Items.

The Missionary convention opened last Thursday morning at the M. E. church. It was called to order by the Vice President, Mrs. Allen of Shelbyville. The District Superintendent Rev. D. E. Skelton, was present. The welcome address was rendered by Miss Ada Broadus and responded to by Rev. Compton of Port Fulton, who also rendered a vocal solo, entitled, "Will a Boy forget his Mother?" Some very excellent papers were read by delegates from Port Fulton, Cementville and Watson. Mesdames Green and Hill, also Rev. Crossland of Charlestown, attended the convention. Rev. D. E. Skelton made a very interesting address Friday evening, subject: "Get a Mule." It was enjoyed by every one present, and we trust that it may prove to be seed sown on good soil amongst the people here. Miss Lucy Taylor of Cementville, was the guest of Miss Grace Bowen Thursday and Friday of last week. Mr. Irvin Broddus entertained the preachers attending the Missionary convention last Friday, at a 4-course dinner. Covers were laid for fifteen. Mrs. Allen of Shelbyville, was the guest of John Haines and wife during the convention. Mrs. Mary Taylor is on the sick list.

CEMENTVILLE.

The Sewing Circle met with Mrs. Lizzie Richardson Friday of last week. A 3-course luncheon was served. Mesdames Henrietta Bradshaw and Rachel Taylor spent Friday attending the Missionary Convention, at the M. E. church. In Watson, the former stopping with her mother-in-law, Mrs. America Kiphart and family, and the latter with Rev. Jas. Bowen and wife. Willis Jackson arrived home last Thursday noon from Andersonville, where he has been working, and was the guest of his wife until Sunday afternoon, when he returned to his work. Mesdames Lula Jackson, Carrie Hanson, Eliza Drain, Florence Adams, Miss Mattie Daisy and Lula B. Jones, Lovie and Rachel Hall and Messrs. Geo. Spaurie, Isaac Jones, Wm. Grigsby and Haden Hall attended the Missionary convention at Watson, Friday. Rev. D. E. Skelton held quarterly meeting at the M. E. church Tuesday night of last week. Mrs. Eliza Drain entertained Rev. D. E. Skelton and Rev. Jas. Bowen, Tuesday evening, and Wednesday morning of last week. Mrs. Rachel Taylor and her daughter Lucy, and Miss George Green, were the guests of Jas. Woodfork and wife Saturday.

First Quarterly Meeting at Portland.

The first quarterly meeting of Bethel A. M. E. Church was held last Sunday by the pastor, P. H. Lewis, assisted by Rev. Edwards, pastor of the M. E. church of this city. Rev. Powell of this city, was also present at the Sabbath school, bearing an invitation to our school to be represented at the township Sunday school convention, to convene at Dunkirk, this county, soon.

At 10:30 a. m. Rev. Lewis preached an able and inspiring sermon, which was followed by a love feast. At 3:00 p. m. Rev. Edwards preached the sacramental sermon, sermon which was well taken. At 7:30 p. m. Rev. Lewis again came before us with the Holy Spirit beaming forth in his very countenance. God was with the man while he dealt with souls. While we were possibly handicapped by the absence of our Presiding Elder, Rev. Charles Hunter, God saw fit to make good the day for us. It was a financial and spiritual success.

We are proud of our pastor and have confidence in his ability to lead us. We find him to be mild and yet fearless, cautious and yet daring, making the best appropriations of what he has, not looking men square in the eyes and telling them what he wants and must have, and "it is coming."

Rev. Lewis has put in motion a pendulum which will run for one year that will bring in a continuous stream of money without rewinding or friction with other church enterprises.

Our church is to be remodeled. The material is on the ground and the work is on, and the people are glad saying that they intend to eclipse their past history this year, God being their helper.

J. H. TATE, Local Deacon.

MARTINSVILLE.

Mrs. Wm. Dagens of Chicago, Ill., is the guest of her cousin and family, Mrs. John Rudolph, for an indefinite time. Ruth Hood visited in Indianapolis last Sunday. Chas. Robinson and wife have moved to Shelbyville. Mrs. Richard Kennedy and family of Indianapolis, have moved here and are located on N. Main st. Eliza and Blanch Kennedy entered the city schools last week. Mrs. Calvin Hopson of Mooresville, was in the city last week. Brown Ford was at Indianapolis last week.

NORTH EAST INDIANAPOLIS.

A surprise party was given Rev. and Mrs. V. Kirk last week by the members of St. Paul Temple A. M. E. church. Rev. Kirk feels very grateful towards them. Gray Artis died at his home last week, after a short illness. The funeral took place at the home of his mother, Mrs. Artis, on Oxford street. Mrs. Charlotte Jackson left last Saturday for Knights town, where she will be the guest of Mrs. Woods. Born to Mr. and Mrs. William Artist, a baby boy. Mrs. Jane Warrack, who has been here for several months, at the bedside of her sister, has returned to her home in Franklin. The sick are improving.

RUSHVILLE.

Rev. W. Sleet, our substitute pastor preached at the Second Baptist church last Sunday. The topic at the P. M. B. Y. P. U., in the evening, was, "Why do we keep the Sabbath holy?" The District Convention convened at the Second Baptist church last Monday and Tuesday. Harvey Miller and Harry Buckner attended the dedication of the new O. F. hall at New Castle, last Sunday. Mr. Jordon of North Vernon, is the guest of Mrs. Nancy Summerville, on E. 8th street. A crowd of our young people surprised Miss Dora Richardson, at her home on E. 8th street, Thursday night of last week, it being her 21st birthday. Mrs. Lula Overton and children of this city, visited Robt. Miller and wife of Union township, last Saturday and Sunday. Rev. A. H. Shumake, who has been visiting relatives at Alaga, Ala., is expected home this week.

CHICAGO, ILL.

No. 13 Club of this city, will give a dance the latter part of this month. Chicago leads all the cities of the country in matrimony among colored people.

Miss Octavia Cosby, formerly of Indianapolis, is now a young married woman.

Miss Mayme Norris, formerly of Indianapolis, is now living in the Windy City.

Albert H. Boyer and wife recently of Indianapolis, is now living in the Windy City.

George A. Griffin and wife have returned home, after three weeks stay in Seattle, Wash.

Roy Tribune and Casper Howard, formerly of Indianapolis, are now living at 5007 Dearborn street.

Henry Roberts, formerly of Indianapolis, is in business here, and is located in the 29th block on State street.

The P. S. A. Club is increasing its membership. About twenty young ladies will join at the next meeting.

Mrs. Celia S. Cosby, mother of Miss Octavia, has followed her daughter's foot steps. She has married and is now living happy.

Frank Middleton of Indianapolis, who is National Deputy of the A. F. M., has located in this city after spending several months in the east.

A joint debate will be held in a short time at Bethesda Baptist church. F. S. Stephens and James W. Woodie will oppose Edward McCoo and James F. Myers.

Alexander Hunt has organized a theatrical company of his own, and his first work will begin here on the 25th of this month. After spending two weeks here they will play in other large cities of the country.

The Swastika Federal Clerks' Club is among the most popular clubs in the city, although it was not organized for marrying purposes, nevertheless, it has furnished more good husbands than any other club in the city.

On last Friday, the 15th, Miss Lula McGuire of this city, was married to Dr. J. B. Martin of Nashville, Tenn. The wedding ceremony was performed at the home of the bride, 3714 Wabash avenue, at 4 p. m. After the ceremony a lunch was given at the Pekin Inn.

Jasper M. Higginbotham said he would not marry so soon, but he realized that it would soon be cold, so it has been announced that he is to be married to Miss Bessie Viola Goldstone on the 27th of this month. The wedding ceremony will be performed at the Bureau Baptist church. Jas. A. Mundy, President of the Swastika Federal Clerks' Club, will be best man.

It is reported that E. O. Marshall and Wm. Pollard, post office clerks of this city and member of the Swastika Federal Clerks' Club, will in a short time go south and marry southern belles. Mr. Marshall's heart in Chattanooga, Tenn., and Mr. Pollard's in Charleston, S. C. The young ladies were visitors here during the past summer.

David Burris, formerly of Indianapolis, but now of Chicago, took the special civil service examination a short time ago, and is now doing substitute work in the Chicago post office.

Mr. Burris is an ex-student of the Manual Training High School of Indianapolis. He will find himself among a fine set of fellows, and he has been recommended to the Swastika Federal Clerks' Club by James F. Myers, and will likely become a member.

ALEXANDRIA.

Wm. Butler has returned home from Hoarse Cave, Ky., where he has been visiting relatives and friends. Mrs. Augie Hoat of Riverview, spent the day with Mrs. Emmet Glosion, on N. Harrison street. Mrs. Minerva Simpson of Ebert, Wash., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Nowlin, on E. Cleveland street. Miss Cara Davis, who was taken seriously ill at Mrs. Sinyth Barnett's, on Sullivan st., one day last week, has been taken to her sisters, Mrs. John McGumary, on River avenue. Walt Emmerly of Riverview, was called away to Hoarse Cave, Ky., on account of his wife being seriously ill. A surprise party was given at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Hoat at Riverview, Wednesday evening, in honor of their son James. About 20 were present, and a pleasant evening was spent. The Mite Missionary society of the A. M. E. church met at Mrs. Steavenson Griffin last Thursday afternoon. A 2-course luncheon was served. A meeting was held at the A. M. E. church last Friday night. Rev. Nickles and Elder Hunter of Indianapolis, were here on business. They are making preparations to buy a church in town, and quit a number of members were out. Loss Browner went to Indianapolis Friday on business. The Living Vine club gave an entertainment at the hall, last Saturday night, and a large crowd was present. Rev. Lampkins of Anderson, and Mrs. Marthy Greesby of Riverview, were the guests of Green Sunday and wife on N. Harrison street, the first of the week. Rev. Maple of Marion, was here Sunday, and visited the Second Baptist church at Riverview.

MUNCIE.

Calvary Baptist church is progressing under the leadership of Rev. L. R. Mitchell. The rally Oct. 10, was something marvelous. Raised \$333.64. The Mem's Circle of said church has opened a night school and students are enrolling rapidly. Mrs. Nettie Riffe and Miss Mamie White and Mrs. L. R. Mitchell are appointed teachers.

NOBLESVILLE.

Lee Martin and Dave Young of Indianapolis, were the guests of Jessie Cullen last Sunday. Last week was a busy week for our pastor, Rev. Cromwell, attending four funerals in Grant county. A fine boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Swatts last week. Miss Ida Mae Williams visited at Indianapolis last week. James A. Colter is back home again, after a sojourn in Danville, Ind., for some time. One of the sweetest events of the season among the colored people, will be given at the K. of P. hall, Thanksgiving evening. The social and lecture by Geo. W. Russell of Indianapolis, to the B. Y. P. U., at the Baptist church, last Tuesday evening, was a decided success. Every one was well pleased with Mr. Russell's talk. Leave news for the Recorder at Edgar Williams barber shop.

ROCKVILLE.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Jones entertained at dinner Monday, Rev. and Mrs. L. W. Radcliffe, P. E. Morris Lewis and Mesdames Nancy and Rosa Harris. John Curtis of Indianapolis, was at home last Sunday. John Cox was at Paris, Ill., Friday night. Miss Evelyn Art spent the first of the week at the capitol city with relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson A. Whitted returned Tuesday from Culver, where they visited relatives. Sherman Harvey left Wednesday for Bloomington, where he has employment. John Tippens of Terre Haute, is here in the employment of Maurice Roberts. Quarterly meeting at Allen Chapel last Sunday was a success, both spiritual and financial. The conference was held Monday night. At which time the different departments reported. All reports were favorable. Rev. and Mrs. L. W. Ratcliffe entertained Presiding Elder Lewis, while he was in our city. The election of trustees for the A. M. E. church will be held Oct. 27th. The Sunday school officers will be elected the 31st.

ROCKVILLE SCHOOL NOTES.

The Junior Culture Club rendered a very excellent program last Friday at the school. Song, club. Address by Pres. Naomi Wilson. Reading Ruby Harris. Recitation, Naomi West and Roscoe Wray. Paper, Politeness, Blanche Dickerson. Closing song, Club. Blanche Dickerson and Arnold Robinson were out of school last week.

FRANKFORT.

Thadues Smith, District Superintendent of the Richmond District, visited our Sunday school last Sunday. The attendance was 82, collection \$2.67. Mr. Smith was well pleased with the Sunday school in general. Miss Ella Pettiford is the guest of relatives in our city. Rev. Hardiman and Dist. Supt. Smith were entertained Sunday at dinner by Mr. and Mrs. John Pettiford. Rev. B. W. Manual and wife of New Albany, are the guests of relatives here. The clubs of the church have resumed work for the year and are trying to raise \$500 by the first Sunday in January. John Hunt was given a surprise last Friday night, it being his birthday. He received many beautiful presents. Earl Dehoney has returned to our city, after an extended visit in Peoria, Ill.

ANDERSON.

Mrs. Chas. Turner entertained the ladies of the Culture Club Friday afternoon, at her home on Sherman st. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Taylor visited relatives in New Castle Sunday. The P. L. D. Club met with Miss Alice Barber last Sunday. Mrs. J. Clemons was called to Kentucky by the illness of her mother, and left last Saturday, to be gone indefinitely. Mrs. Wm. Cox and Wm. Hill are on the sick list. Rev. C. E. Allen, P. E. of Michigan, was in the city last Friday, en route to Wabash, where he conducted quarterly meeting. Several persons attended the dedicatory services of the K. of P. hall at New Castle last Sunday, Oct. 17th. While Rev. and Mrs. B. J. Coleman were away last Saturday night entrance was made into their home by way of a rear door. A great many valuables were taken by in by the parties, and left as a pleasant surprise to the pastor and wife. The kind intruders were later found to be Mr. and Mrs. Holliday and Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Hill, to whom the pastor and wife extend thanks. The attendance at Allen Chapel last Sunday was good. Special comment is due the attendance and interest taken in the Sunday school. The entertainment at Delaware street church Saturday night, was a success.

MT. VERNON.

The revival services at the A. M. E. church are being largely attended, and Rev. T. J. White is much pleased with his prospects for a successful meeting. The funeral of Mrs. Raff Alvis, who died Friday morning, Oct. 15th, took place at the Missionary Baptist church Saturday afternoon, Rev. Sims officiating. Interment at the Odd Fellows cemetery. Mrs. Alvis was a devout christian and quite a helper in the order, an efficient member of the order of the Daughters of Tabernacle, which order performed its part in the funeral services in a very impressive manner. She leaves a husband, two daughters, a son-in-law and grand daughter and many friends and relatives with whom the citizens of Mt. Vernon, most heartily sympathize.

The funeral of Mr. Davenport, who died at his home on E. 3rd street, last Thursday at noon, took place at his home Friday, Oct. 15th. His death was quite a surprise to all of the town. He was one of Mt. Vernon's oldest citizens and gave his services to the nation during the civil war. He leaves a wife, three sons and two sisters and many friends to mourn their loss.

The funeral of Mrs. Chavers of the West End, was also held the past week, she having died the first of the week. Mrs. Ed. Johnson and two daughters of E. St. Louis, formerly of Mt. Vernon, are visiting relatives and friends in and about this place.

The entertainment at William's hall was well attended last Monday evening, and a pleasant time was enjoyed by those present. Dodson and Spenser furnished the music. Prof. W. M. C. Felton says that all are invited to attend the entertainments given each Monday night under the auspices of the G. C. Club. The best of order will be had. The boys and girls from the Booker T. Washington school have great aspirations. Those who do not believe, drop around and see them climb Jacob's ladder. Wm. Ray of Morganfield, Ky., was in the city last Saturday and visited his sister, Mrs. Busby and family. Prof. J. M. Bensie was out of the city for a short time last Sunday. The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Moore, is quite ill of pneumonia fever.

The F. W. Baptist Sunday school is progressing nicely. Come at 9:30 a. m. Word comes from Mitchell, that Rev. H. J. Thompson is very comfortably located there and is well pleased. His Mt. Vernon friends wish him and his wife a pleasant stay in that city.

I. Butler, Sherman Wells, Geo. McCuire and Frank Irving are working at Clinton, Ind. Prof. Jackson and Spottsville and Mrs. Jackson and Miss Durrett enjoyed a pleasant drive to the banks of the Wabash last Sunday afternoon. Miss Winnetta Donahue remains quite ill at her home on Kimball street.

LOGANSPOUT.

Leo Winslow has returned from Marion. Mrs. Dr. Ford was in Chicago the first of the week.

The Morning choir will soon begin practicing for a concert to be given at Bethel Thanksgiving night.

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SOUTH BEND.

Next Sunday will be quarterly meeting at Taylor's Chapel. Presiding Elder Shaw will conduct the services.

David Artis and Louis Smith were in Chicago last week. The choir of Olivett A. M. E. church will give a sacred concert next Sunday night, Oct. 31st. Mrs. Cora Ash and Henry Hill spent Sunday with the Misses Adams at Laport. Mrs. Ruben Sawyer entertained last Friday in honor of Mrs. S. S. Crosby of Ypsilanti, Mich.

Mrs. Chas. Bell and son settled in their new home at 126 N. Walnut st. where they will be glad to receive their friends. Mrs. Gus Barton served a luncheon Sunday afternoon in honor of Mrs. Crosby. Sir E. G. Tidington was the guest of honor at a stag dinner party given by Henry Hill, at Asbrook's cafe, Thursday evening.

O. D. T. Club was entertained Friday the 15th, by Mrs. Cora B. Ash. Friday, the 22nd, they met with Mrs. Asbrook. Mrs. Wm. Henderson entertained Tuesday, at a 6 o'clock luncheon, in honor of Mrs. Crosby. Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Abrams celebrated their fourth wedding anniversary on the 11th. Covers were laid for ten. The dining room was decorated with palms and roses. Mrs. Belle Carter of Colorado Springs, Col., and her niece Mrs. Hattie Winlock of Chicago, are the guests of Mrs. C. M. Broger, 624 Laport avenue.

Mrs. Broger's aunt, whom she has not seen for 38 years. Mr. Asbrook has purchased Mr. Russell's interest in the restaurant at 126 Hubbard court, and is now sole proprietor. It will be Mr. Asbrook's endeavor to conduct a first class place, and assures his patrons the best the market affords.

Grand Chancellor E. G. Tidington of Evansville, visited St. Joseph Lodge, No. 61 K. of P's, last Thursday night. Routine business, one reinstatement, one application for membership and short talks by visiting Knights were the order of business. B. B. Banks, the ecologist, has established branch offices in Michigan City and Elkhart, and spends a day of each week in these respective places. Patrons of the Recorder will kindly send their items in by Tuesday evening of each week to insure their publication. Leave them either at Asbrook's restaurant or at the barber shop at 126 S. Main street.

TERRE HAUTE.

Uncle Nat Roberts continues poorly. Wm. H. Wiley, ex-superintendent of the city schools, is a candidate for school trustee. He was superintendent of the city schools for 35 years. No one understands the workings and needs of the schools as he does. A vote for him means that you are in favor of good schools and the right use of the school funds.

The Men's Club met in the lecture room of Spruce Street church, last Monday night and had a discussion on two very important subjects, led by Mr. Joseph Churchill and Prof. Joseph Jackson. Several of the school children are out of school on account of sickness. Mrs. James Young is in the St. Anthony's hospital again and has undergone another surgical operation. She is getting along nicely.

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After being two years or more a prisoner at Caesarea, Festus being governor instead of Felix and having gone up to Jerusalem, the high priest and chief of the Jews inform him against Paul and desire him to bring Paul to Jerusalem, intending, if he consented, to lay in wait for him and kill him. Festus replied that they must come to Caesarea and there appear against him. This they did; but, as before, it was simply a case of complaints which they could not prove. In reply to Festus' question, "Wilt thou go up to Jerusalem and there be judged?" he appealed to Caesar. King Agrippa having come to visit Festus, the case is brought to his attention as one of Jewish superstition concerning one Jesus who was dead, but whom Paul affirmed to be alive (xxv, 19). The world cares just about as much today about Him of whom they spoke as "one Jesus," and the church does not commend Him to the world much more. If any, than the Jews did their God, of whom they cried, "Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord" (Deut. vi, 4).

Agrippa and Bernice having entered the place of hearing with great pomp, accompanied by the chief captains and principal men of the city, Paul is brought before them, and, after a brief statement by Festus, Paul is permitted to speak for himself. He told of his early life as a Pharisee and his zeal against the followers of Jesus until the risen and ascended Christ met him on the way to Damascus, saved him and made him His messenger to the gentiles to turn them from darkness to light and from the power of Satan unto God, that they might receive forgiveness of sins and inheritance among them who are sanctified by faith in Christ. He told how, in obedience to the vision from heaven, he had at Damascus, Jerusalem, throughout Judea and to the gentiles preached that they should repent and turn to God and prove the reality of it in their lives; that all their prophecies had testified that the Messiah of Israel should suffer and die and rise from the dead and that He should through Israel, the twelve tribes, give light to the gentiles after the resurrection at the second coming of Christ. Along this line of truth as to the teaching of the prophets and the fulfillment of their predictions both Peter and Stephen and our Lord Himself, in Luke xxiv, all taught. It is the one story which the Scriptures tell and authorize us to tell, that Israel's Messiah shall bless the world through Israel.

On the way to Damascus Jesus had revealed Himself to Saul as truly the Messiah, but had also at some time taught him a mystery not revealed in the prophecies—that during Israel's rejection because of their rejection of their Messiah He would gather from all nations a people called the church. His body, who should by discipline here be fitted to come with Christ in His glory and reign with Him in His kingdom, when Jerusalem shall be the throne of the Lord and Israel a righteous nation. It is our privilege, as it was Paul's, to go into all the world with the glad tidings of forgiveness of sins for all who will receive the Lord Jesus because of His suffering for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God. And all who in this age truly receive Him shall be manifested with Him when Israel shall see Him coming in the clouds with power and glory and shall say, "This is our God; we have waited for Him, and He will save us" (Isa. xlv, 9). As to the mystery of this age specially revealed to Paul, see Rom. xi, 25-27, xvi, 25, 26, Eph. iii, etc.

We may be quite sure that that company of earth's great ones never heard a story like this before, and we do not wonder that Festus said with a loud voice, "Paul, thou art beside thyself; much learning doth make thee mad" (24). There are very few companies of the Lord's people (so called) who to-day know the story as Paul set it forth that day, and where there is a preacher who thus believes and teaches he is not apt to be counted a man of much learning, but, rather, an unlearned man, weak-minded, mentally unbalanced. We can reply, as Paul did, "We are not mad, but speak forth the words of truth and soberness" (25). The test question is that which Paul addressed to Agrippa, "Believest thou the prophets?" for "surely the Lord God will do nothing, but He reveal His secret unto His servants the prophets" (Amos iii, 7).

In Agrippa's reply there are three words which are especially full of significance, "almost a Christian." We think of another, "not far from the kingdom of God," but we remember that all who were not actually in the ark with Noah perished, and then those startling words, "He that hath not the Son of God hath not life;" "He that believeth not the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abideth on him" (I John v, 12; John iii, 36). So that "almost a Christian" simply means "lost," but who can tell the meaning of that word? May none who read ever know the doom of the lost. With a burning heart and with burning words Paul declared his longing that not only Agrippa, but all who heard him that day, might stand in Christ as he did.

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